

Manufacturing Jobs Return to Groveton

A newly refurbished industrial park is helping the village of Groveton, NH, participate in the modern manufacturing economy. A decade ago, the Groveton Paperboard and Wausau Paper Mills closed, leaving 450 residents without jobs and leaving the town without its economic drivers. Now, manufacturing jobs are returning to Groveton as NSA Industries expands into the recently redevelopment facility. USDA Rural Development provided key support to the local economic development partners as they transformed the site into a modern industrial park.

After the site's closure, the property's new owner, Chapman Development, came together with Northern Community Investment Corporation and the

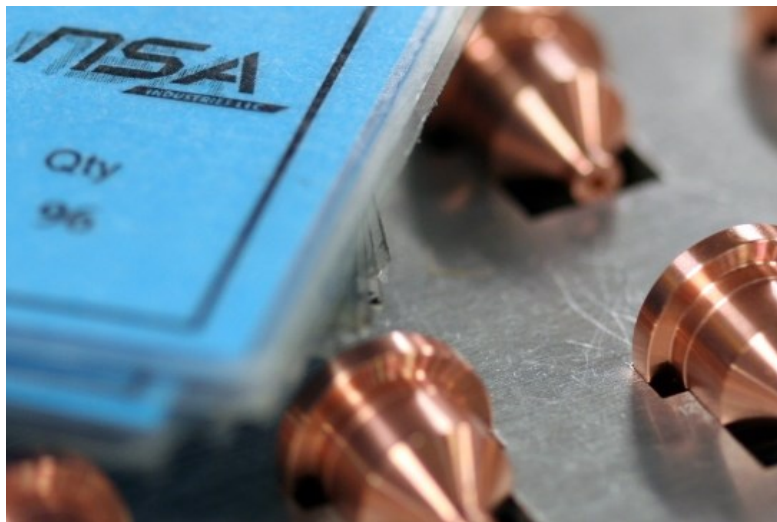


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Groveton Regional Economic Action Team to revitalize the industrial space and boost the town's economy. In a dynamic public private partnership, federal investments helped the developer transform the site by upgrading key infrastructure components including bringing in water and sewer to the industrial park. Groveton Regional Economic Action Team received a \$49,000 USDA Rural Business Development Grant in 2015 to carry out the pre-engineering study for the infrastructure upgrade and a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant supported the site work. Northern Community Investment Corporation and Coos Economic Development Corporation helped coordinate an additional \$1.2 million in investment from the Economic Development Administration, the town of Northumberland, and the Northern Borders Regional Commission. The next phase of expansion will be complete later in 2017, however, the park already has its first tenant.

In 2016, NSA Industries, the largest machining, metal fabrication, powder coating and assembly operation in New England, chose Groveton's industrial park as the site for its business expansion. NSA was attracted to the site because the newly redeveloped infrastructure could meet their needs as an advanced manufacturer. The company has brought on 35 Groveton employees and anticipates hiring in excess of 40 people to support its expansion. Chapman Development hopes that having the first tenant in its industrial park will bolster confidence and attract future employers to the park. Groveton welcomes the influx of new jobs and looks forward to a new era of economic expansion driven by rural manufacturing.

Obligation Amount:	\$49,000 Rural Business Development Grant
Date of Obligation:	2015
Congressional District:	Representative Kuster, NH-2; Senators Shaheen and Hassan
Partners:	Northern Community Investment Corporation and Chapman Industries
Demographics:	Coos Country, New Hampshire
